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Applicant: Ronny van't Oever, et al.

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OPTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR RED BLOOD CELL

DIFFERENTIATION ON A CELL-BY-CELL BASIS, AND SIMULTANEOUS ANALYSIS OF WHITE BLOOD CELL

DIFFERENTIATION

Group Art Unit: 2877

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Amendment and Response of NonProvisional Application of Ronny van't Oever, et al., OPTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RED BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION ON A CELL-BY-CELL BASIS, AND SIMULTANEOUS ANALYSIS OF WHITE BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION, Serial No. 09/874,493, filed June 5, 2001.

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Dear Sir:

This statement is presented as evidence that Application Serial Number 09/874,493 titled "OPTICAL METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RED BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION ON A CELL-BY-CELL BASIS, AND SIMULTANEOUS ANALYSIS OF WHITE BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION", and U.S. Patents Nos. 5,559,037 and 5,691,204 were, at the time the invention of Application Serial Number 09/874,493 was made, owned by ABBOTT LABORATORIES, Abbott Park, Ill.

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